water or underground services due to low wall thickness;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is no clause in the above standard banning the use of these pipes for drinking water purposes or underground services; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take to incorporate such a clause in the standard IS-11722-1986 in the interest of public health?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) The indicative uses given for thin walled quick coupling steel pipes in the Standard IS: 11722-1986 do not cover potable water supply system. Since these pipes are not intended for potable water supply system, the question of injury to health does not arise.

(b) The applicability of these pipes to "above ground" usage only is clearly indicated in clause 0.2 of IS: 11722-1986. The indicative usages exclude potable water supply.

(c) The concerned Technical Committee of the Bureau of Indian Standards has recently decided to make two amendments to this Standard to make the specific usage of such pipes more clear. The first amendment will clearly specify that the use of such pipes are intended to "above ground" application while the second amendment to clause 0.2.1 of the Standard is being made to indicate that in case sufficient data could be generated over the years, the possibility of use of these pipes for permanent potable water supply system could be considered in future.

Allotment of land for DMS Booth and School in Vasant Vihar

2626. DR. ABRAR AHMED KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the possession of the land has not been handed over so far by the Land and Development Officer to the DMS, MCD and the Delhi Administration for a milk booth, Primary school and the Middle School respectively in Vasant Vihar, New Dehi; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Possession of land has been handed over by Land & Development Officer to DMS on 25-10-88.

Allotment of land measuring 0.6 hec. and 2 hec in Vasant Vihar to Municipal Corporation of Delhi and Delhi Admn. for primary school and a Middle School respectively has been approved. Land & Development Officer has not issued the allotment letters due to encroachment on a portion of the said plots.

Remote area allowance to Staff of CIFA Kaushalya Ganj

2627. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prior to Fourth Pay Commissions recommendations, remote area allowance or backward area allowance was given to officers of Central Services in the areas officially declared as 'remote' locality;

(b) whether it is also a fact that after Fourth Pay Commission's recommendations the said allowance was extended to all category of staff in the areas declared as remote locality;

(c) whether it is also a fact that as there is no Central Government Offices at Kaushalya Ganj, Orissa the same place was not declared as remote locality (backward):

(d) whether the Central Institute for Fresh Water Aquaculture (CIFA) under Ministry of Agriculture is functioning at Kaushalya Ganj and all Scientist officers are getting the remote locality area allowance since June 1980 after being declared remote area; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons for denial of said allowance to other staff of the Institute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) and (b) The Central Government sanctions Special Compensatory (Remote Locality) allowance in such areas the State Governments grant similar allowance to their employees. There is no distinction between officers and other categories of staff, for the grant of this allowance. Further there was no distinction between officers and other categories of staff for the grant of this allowance prior to the 4th Pay Commission's recommendations.

Both prior to and subsequent to 4th Pay Commission's recommendations, the Central Government have not sanctioned any "Backward area allowance" to either officers or other categories of staff.

(c) The Central Government do not have any independent mechanism for classification of areas, for the purpose of grant of this allowance and it follows the classification adopted by the concerned State Government : At present Special Compensatory Remote Localities allowance is not being given to Central Government employees in the State of Orissa.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Special allowance has been sanctioned by the ICAR to its Scientists for the tenure of their posting in remote and backward areas of the country because, their service rules provide that a scientist shall be liable for transfer to any place in India and that he may be required to serve a minimum period of time in a backward or comparatively less developed area of the country as may be determined and decided by the controlling authority. But the non-scientific categories of the employees are Institute-based and have no such transfer liability.

Re-employment of retired officer in DDA

2628. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of officers re-employed after retirement in the Financial Wing of DDA;

(b) whether it is a fact that an officer of IAAS, due for retirement on the 30th November, 1988 is being considered for re-employment as Financial Adviser in DDA;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a resolution was adopted by DDA that no officer will be re-employed after retirement; and

(d) whether there are some directives from Prime Minister regarding re-employment/extension after retirement and the same are followed in DDA while granting re-employment/extension of service in DDA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) During the course of the last two years one officer who had sought voluntary premature retirement from his parent office was re-employed and he retired from the service of DDA on 30-11-1988 on attaining the age of superannuation i.e. 58 years.

(b) The DDA has sent a proposal in this behalf to the Ministry.

(c) Re-employment after retirement can be made only in exceptional cases and that too with the approval of the Authority itself.

(d) There are instructions issued by Ministry of Home Affairs/Deptt. of Personnel on re-employment/extension after retirement and the same are applicable to DDA.